

# DRPT Strategic Planning Initiatives

Rail Advisory Board

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# Overview of DRPT Planning Efforts

- ❑ Existing DRPT Planning Documents (published in 2004):
  - Virginia State Rail Plan
  - Rail, Transit and TDM Needs Assessment
- ❑ Summary of Results:
  - Documented the status of rail, transit and TDM in Virginia
  - Identified needs
  - Left strategic investment planning for a later discussion
- ❑ Other DRPT Studies/Plans:
  - Reactive to General Assembly or stakeholder requests
  - Often unfunded mandates
  - Typically in tight time-frames
  - Limited resources
  - Have little or no connectivity to a wider strategic vision
- ❑ DRPT has no long range strategic plan to advance rail, transit and congestion management in Virginia

# DRPT Planning and Funding Observations

- ☐ DRPT has been a leader amongst peer states in establishing funding programs to support rail opportunities. DRPT's transit funding programs have recently been supplemented with additional funds.
- ☐ The General Assembly has assisted in advancing rail, transit and congestion management in Virginia through funding programs, studies, and improvements
- ☐ DRPT lacks a clear vision and a strategy to advance rail, transit and congestion management in Virginia
- ☐ Through its funding programs and with the establishment of a long range funding strategy, DRPT will take a leadership role in the development of rail, transit and congestion management improvements and initiatives in the Commonwealth

# Achieving a Strategic Vision

## DRPT's Challenge

- ❑ DRPT will proactively answer the “big picture” questions...
  - Where will strategic investments be made?
  - When will these investments be made and by whom?
  - What will be the outcomes and benefits?
  - How will these investments be implemented, used, and monitored?

# DRPT's Approach to the Challenge

- ☐ Develop rail, transit and congestion management policy documents
- ☐ Develop rail, transit and congestion management strategic investment plans
- ☐ Develop a DRPT policy and strategic investment plan

# Guiding Principle for DRPT Planning Initiatives

- ❑ All planning documents shall take into account for policy and recommend initiatives that provide:
  - Public benefits as a result of the investment
    - Pollution benefits
    - Energy savings
    - Trucks and cars off of the road
  - Socio-economic benefits to the community
    - Jobs created
    - Private industrial and commercial developments

# Summary of Rail Planning Documents

- ☐ Develop a Strategic Rail Advisory Committee
- ☐ Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
- ☐ Strategic Rail Investment Plan

# Transit Sustainability Policy Document

- ☐ Policy guide for the development of sustainable transit services
- ☐ For development of transit systems, including passenger rail, or new services that make best use of the investment of public funds
- ☐ New transit systems or new services must be sustainable and work within and contribute to an overall transportation network
- ☐ Include baseline identification and prioritization of transit corridors
- ☐ Establish a benchmark standard for the evaluation and methodology on how to estimate ridership, revenue, and expenditures for new or expanded transit services
- ☐ Develop a process to establish the governance structure necessary to fund, build, and operate the service and necessary capital improvements prior to the investment of public funds – shared risks and benefits



# Transit Strategic Advisory Committee

- ❑ Establish a Transit Strategic Advisory Committee (TSAC) to work with DRPT in the development of transit planning documents
  - Comprised of representatives from rural, small urban and urban transit systems, human service transportation providers, and commuter railroads, and key related stakeholders

# Transit Strategic Investment Plan

- ❑ The Transit Strategic Investment Plan for Virginia will be the guide to lead the Commonwealth in transit development and strategy for the next 20 years
  - Build on the Transit Sustainability Policy Document, Statewide Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document, and DRPT Asset Management Plan
  - Incorporate all transit needs updated from the 2004 Needs Assessment, VTRANS, DRPT and local/regional transportation plans
  - Prioritize discretionary funding and strategic transit investments based on long term investment principles and funding streams requiring shared risk and shared benefit

# Congestion Management Plan and Policy Document

- ❑ Policy guide for the development of congestion management initiatives
- ❑ For development of congestion management programs and services that make best use of the investment of public funds
- ❑ New congestion management systems or new services must be sustainable and work within and contribute to an overall transportation network

# Congestion Management Advisory Committee

- ❑ Establish a Congestion Management Advisory Committee (CMAC) to work with DRPT in the development of congestion management plans
  - Comprised of representatives from transportation demand management agencies, rail and transit operators, VDOT and key related stakeholders

# Congestion Management Strategic Investment Plan

- ❑ The Congestion Management Strategic Investment Plan for Virginia will be the guide to lead the Commonwealth in Congestion Management Program development and strategy for the next 20 years
  - Build on the Transit Sustainability Policy Document, Statewide Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document, and Rail and Transit Strategic Investment Plans
  - Incorporate all transit and passenger needs updated from the 2004 Needs Assessment, VTRANS, DRPT and local/regional transportation plans
  - Prioritize discretionary funding and strategic congestion management investments based on long term investment principles and funding streams requiring shared risk and shared benefit

# DRPT Policy and Strategic Investment Plan Document

- ❑ The DRPT Policy and Strategic Investment Plan Document for Virginia will be the guide to lead the Commonwealth in Rail, Transit, and Congestion Management development and strategy for the next 20 years
  - Build on all policy documents developed
  - Incorporate all needs assessments
  - Prioritize all corridors and strategic investments based on long term investment principles and funding streams requiring shared risk and shared benefits

# Master Planning Schedule

- ☐ Asset Management Plan – November 2007
- ☐ Transit Sustainability Policy Document – December 2007
- ☐ Congestion Management Plan and Policy Document – September 2008
- ☐ Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document – September 2008
- ☐ Strategic Investment Plans, Rail/Transit – November 2008
- ☐ Congestion Management Strategic Investment Plan - November 2009
- ☐ DRPT Policy and Strategic Investment Plan Document - December 2009



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